

## Promenade

The Promenade is intended to provide a highly-identifiable pedestrian loop around the downtown core. It should serve as an amenity for development and provide safe and convenient access to downtown districts and attractions.

### A New Recreation Loop

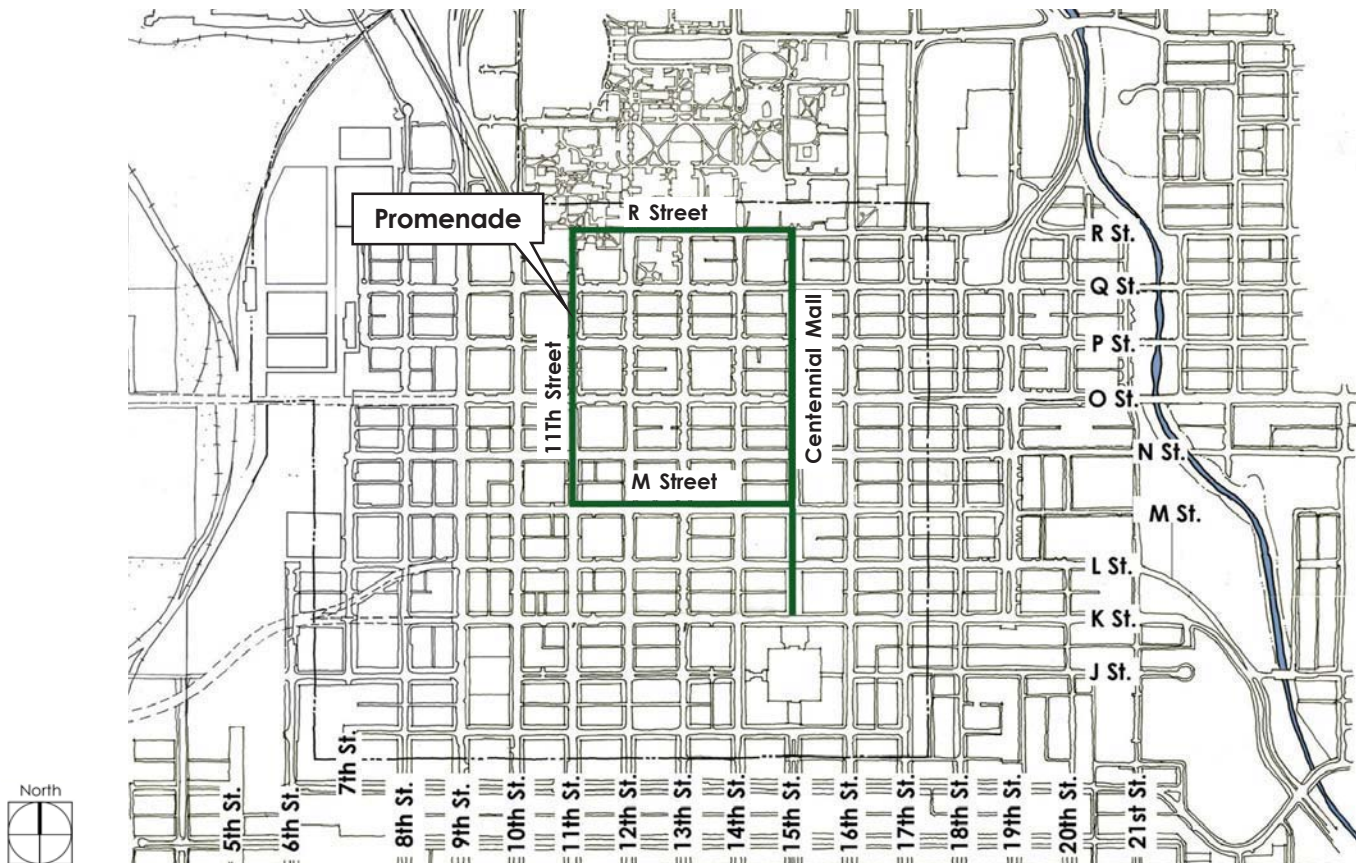
The Promenade would be wide enough to provide for a variety of different users. The users of the Promenade would include.

- Pedestrians.
- Strollers.
- Low-speed bicyclists – especially children and families.
- Rollerbladers or rollerskaters.
- Joggers.

The new pedestrian loop would:

- **Be constructed within existing public rights-of-way** – except short segments along R Street between 11th and 12th and 11th between O and R Streets where it crosses the UNL campus. This location needs further review to determine a suitable route that does not disrupt or interfere with UNL activities and facilities
- **Comprise four segments** – north-south on 11th Street from the UNL campus to M Street; east-west on M Street from 11th to Centennial Mall; north-south the length of Centennial Mall (from M to R Streets as well as south to K Street); and east-west from Centennial Mall at R Street to 11th.

The following pages describe in detail each of the four segments.



Off Street Bike and Pedestrian Emphasis Streets Diagram

## Centennial Mall Promenade

Centennial Mall was designed to highlight Nebraska's historical capitol building, giving visitors a perfectly framed view of this architectural wonder.

Over the years the formal arrangement of paved and grassy areas has offered both gathering space and relief from the grid of wide downtown streets. Today, however, the mall has become fragmented, is in poor physical condition, and requires considerable maintenance. Furthermore, it presents barriers to those with physical disabilities.

The future proposed for Centennial Mall in this Master Plan is but one possible vision. Other visions have also been crafted and formally recognized by the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission. The Downtown Master Plan's vision for Centennial Mall offers a number of thoughtful components which should be considered in conjunction with the Mall's future. The Master Plan acknowledges the Mall's present planning and maintenance situation and encourages further broad community dialogue regarding the Mall's eventual renovation and use.

### New Primary Uses

The Centennial Mall should be redesigned to support the following uses :

- Limited auto movement
- Recreational amenities for strolling, passive sitting and viewing.
- Occasional festival or events staged by the Updowntowners and other organizations.

### New Design

A new Mall design should incorporate the following concepts:

- Additional green space on the three blocks between P and N Streets, where currently there is none.
- Simplification of the 32'-0" wide promenade by removing fountains.
- Incorporation of universal design features to provide access for all.



*View from the Capitol*



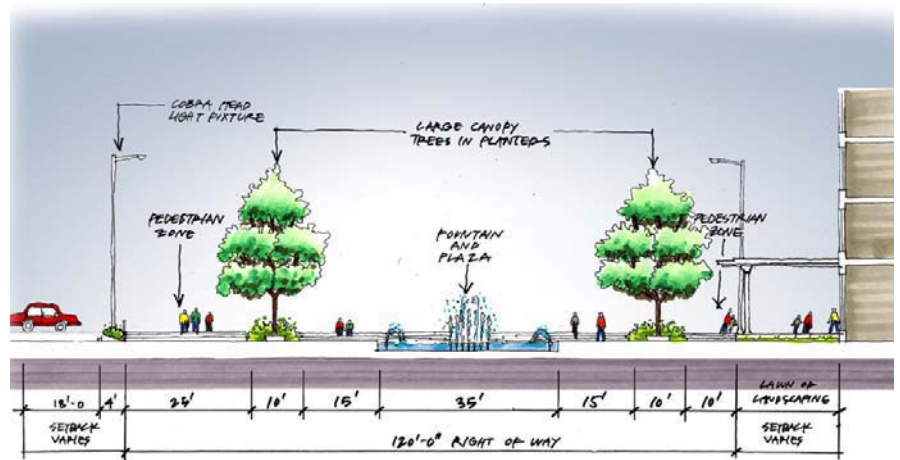
*View from the Nebraska Historical Society*



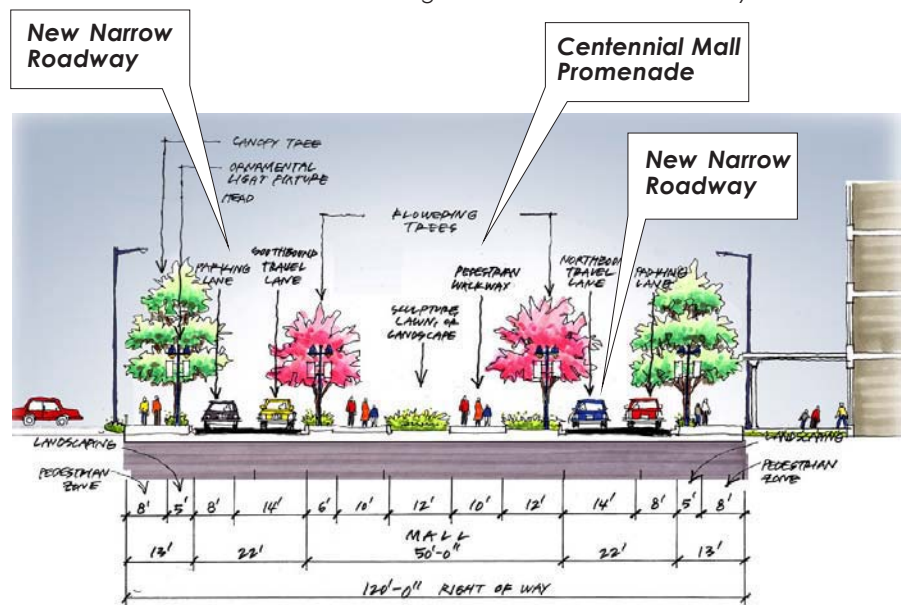
### Centennial Mall Promenade

The Centennial Mall portion of the Promenade would extend from the State Capitol at K Street to R Street. Improvements will:

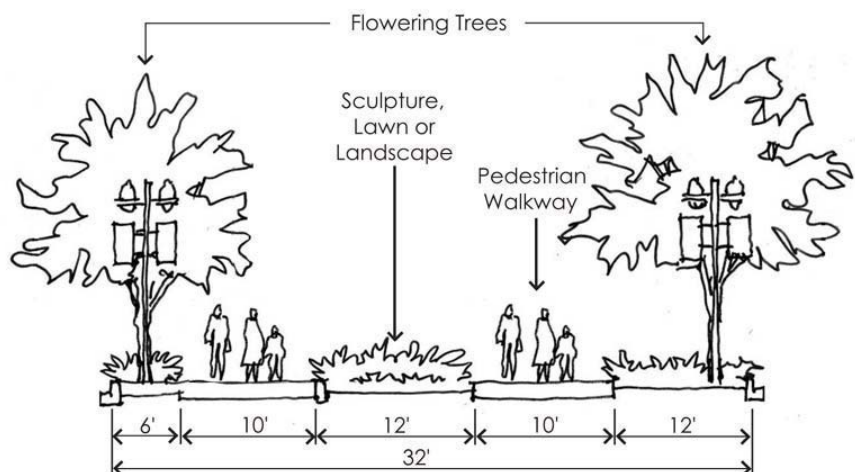
- Provide a continuous, uninterrupted paved linkage for recreational users along a central greenway.
- Include generous pedestrian walkways.
- Have raised intersections wherever possible to emphasize and prioritize pedestrian access and safety.
- Frame views of the capitol with ornamental columnar plantings lining the edges of the walkway. The tree variety selected would have a light canopy so views are not obstructed.
- Include a paved activity area (see Festival/Event Space) to the Pershing Center.
- Re-establish vehicular access between Q and P Streets as a priority (see Transportation Framework).



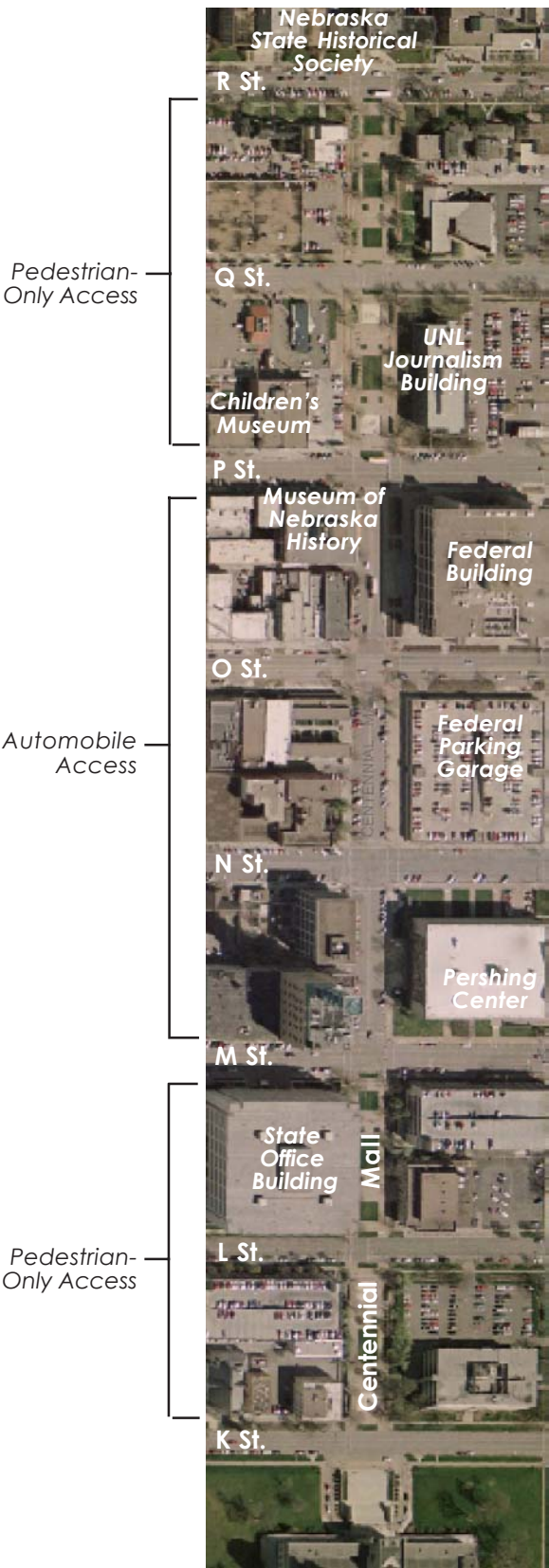
Existing Centennial Pedestrian-Only Mall Section



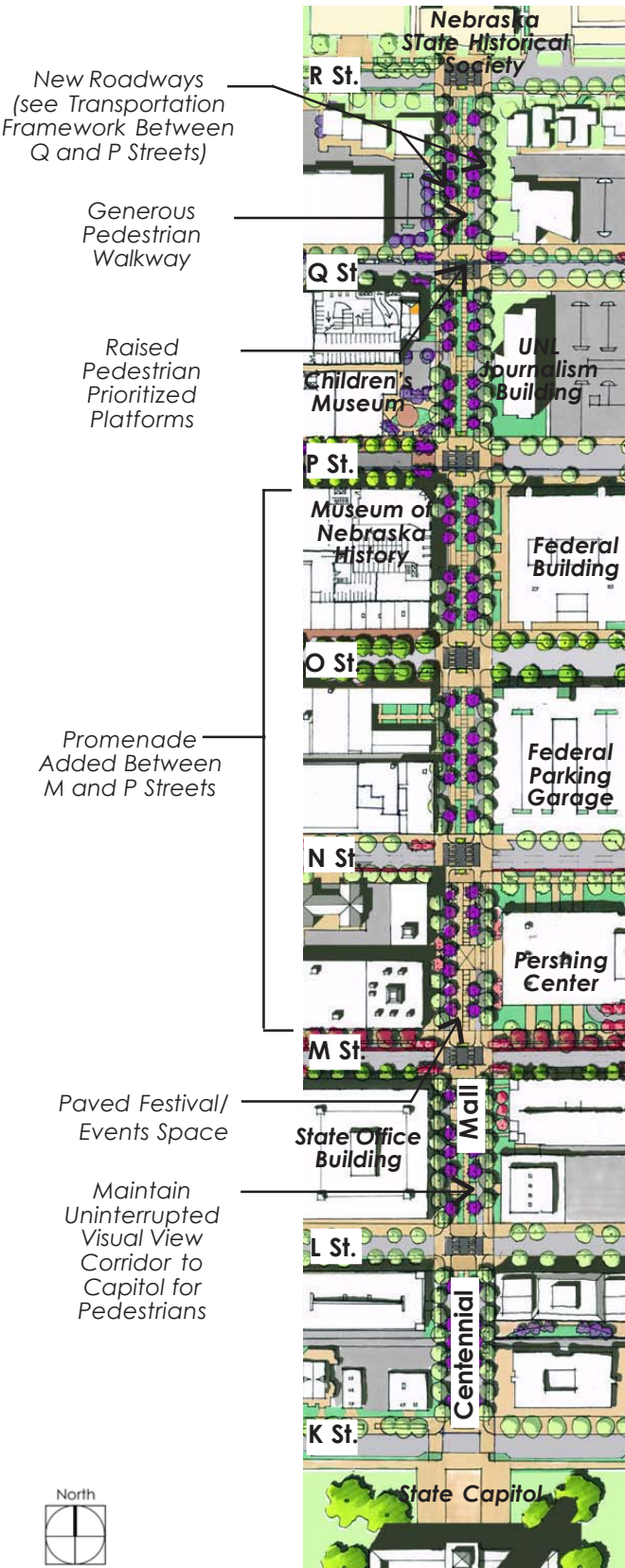
Proposed Centennial Mall Section



Centennial Mall Promenade Requirements



Existing Centennial Mall Aerial



Proposed Centennial Mall Plan



## M Street Promenade

Located along the north side of the public right-of-way on M Street, between Centennial Mall and 11th Street, this segment of the Promenade extends along the southern edge of the financial district.

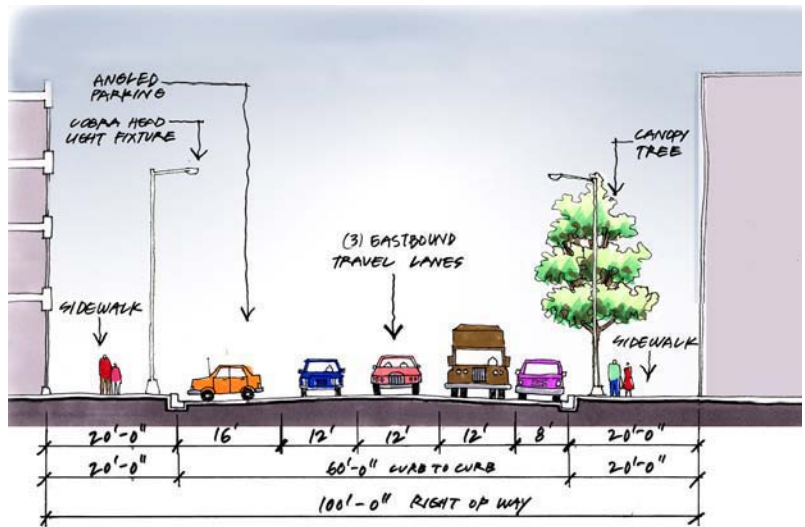
The east and west ends of the M Street Promenade (at Centennial Mall and 11th Street) connect to the M Street Park Blocks described in the Parks and Open Spaces section of the Public Realm Framework.

Destinations and attractions along the M Street Promenade include:

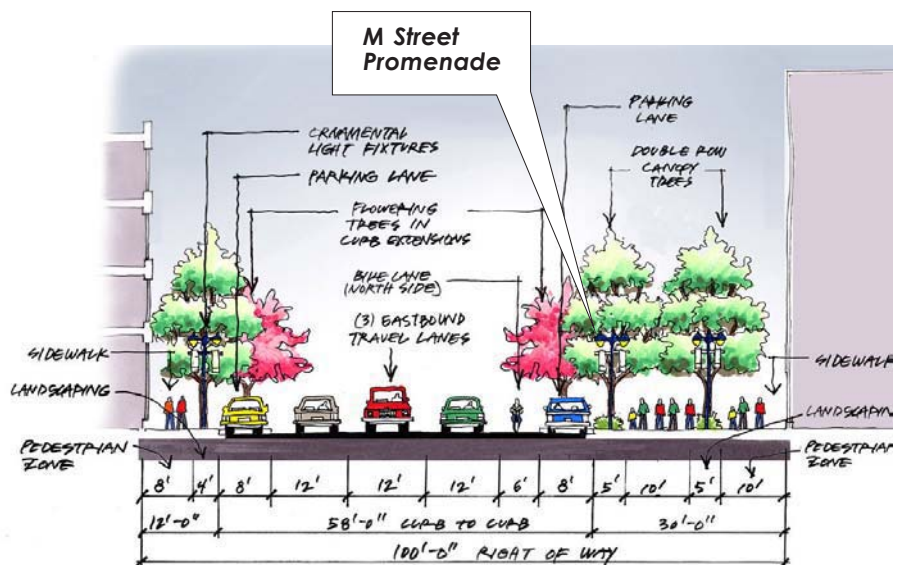
- The Cornhusker Hotel by Marriott.
- US Bank.
- St. Paul United Methodist Church.
- State Office Building.
- Pershing Center (site of proposed library).
- Alltel.

The M Street promenade would include:

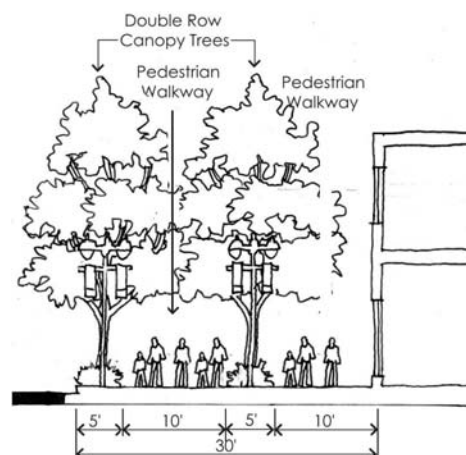
- Double row of street trees.
- Low groundcover and shrub planting beds that will provide color 12 months of the year.
- Generous pedestrian walkways.
- Raised intersections wherever possible to emphasize pedestrian movement across roadways.
- Ornamental pedestrian-scaled lighting.
- Well-detailed, scored concrete sidewalks and crosswalks.



Existing M Street



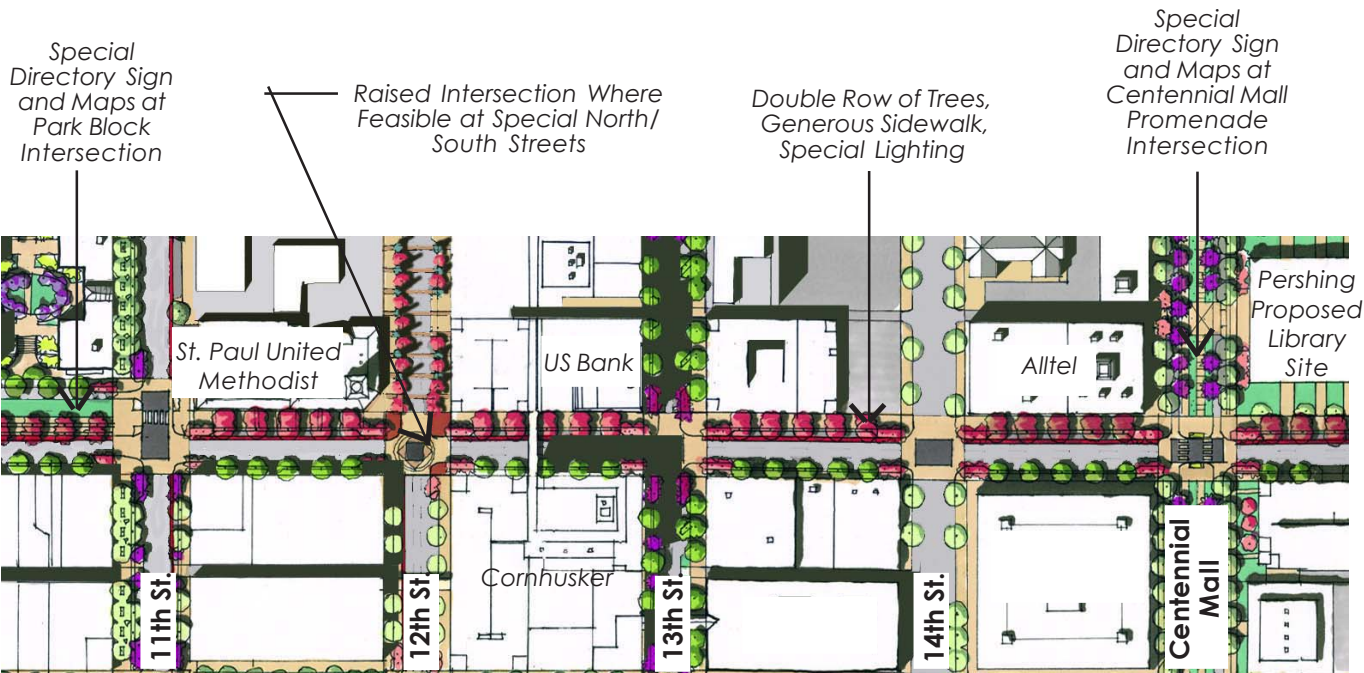
Proposed M Street Promenade



M Street Promenade Requirements



Existing M Street



Proposed M Street Promenade

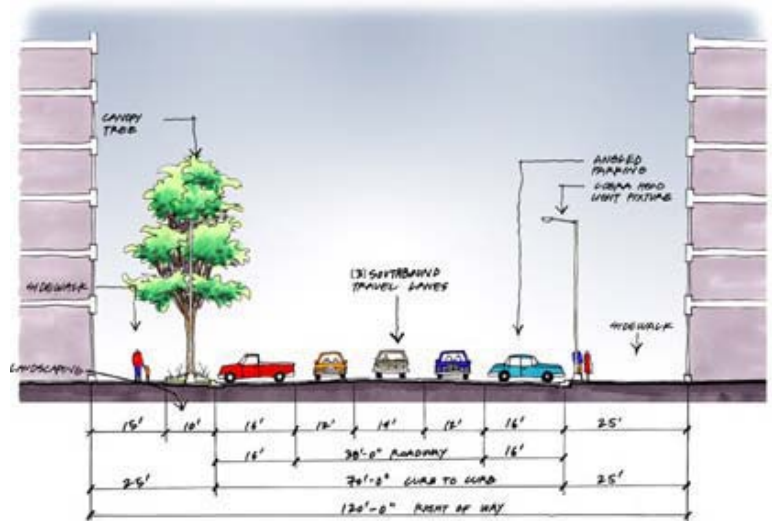
## 11th Street Promenade

The 11th Street Promenade would extend from the UNL campus south to N Street, connecting to existing and planned destinations including:

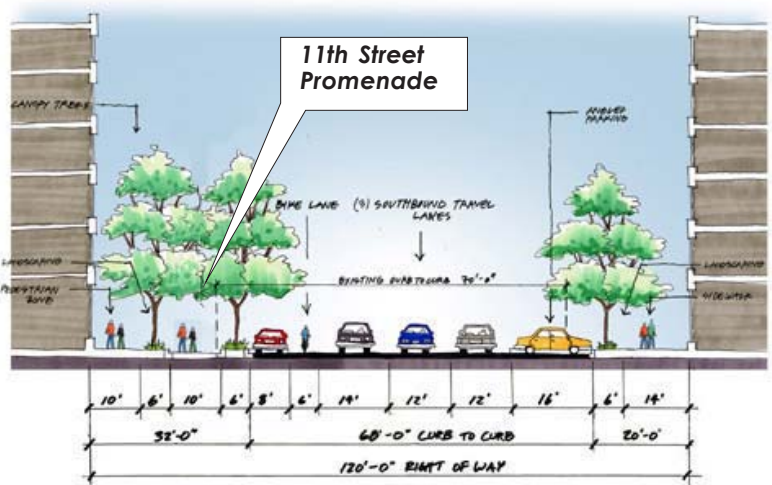
- Lied Center for Performing Arts.
- Embassy Suites Hotel.
- Douglas Grand Theater.
- Gold's Building.
- St. Paul United Methodist Church.
- P Street Primary Retail Corridor.

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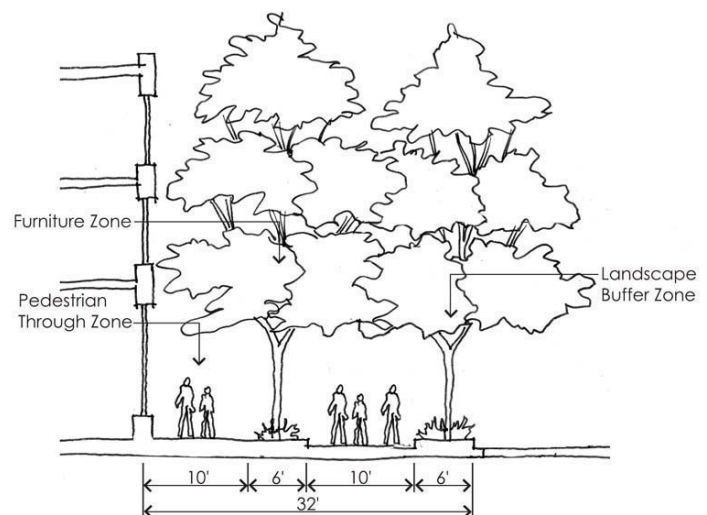
- Be located on the west edge of the right-of-way.
- Provide landscaping improvements including the addition of a double row of street trees.
- Include well-designed lighting and paving (i.e, sidewalks and crosswalks of scored concrete).
- Have wider sidewalks to accommodate a variety of recreation traffic
- Include raised intersections wherever possible to emphasize and prioritize pedestrian access.



Existing 11th Street



Proposed 11th Street Promenade

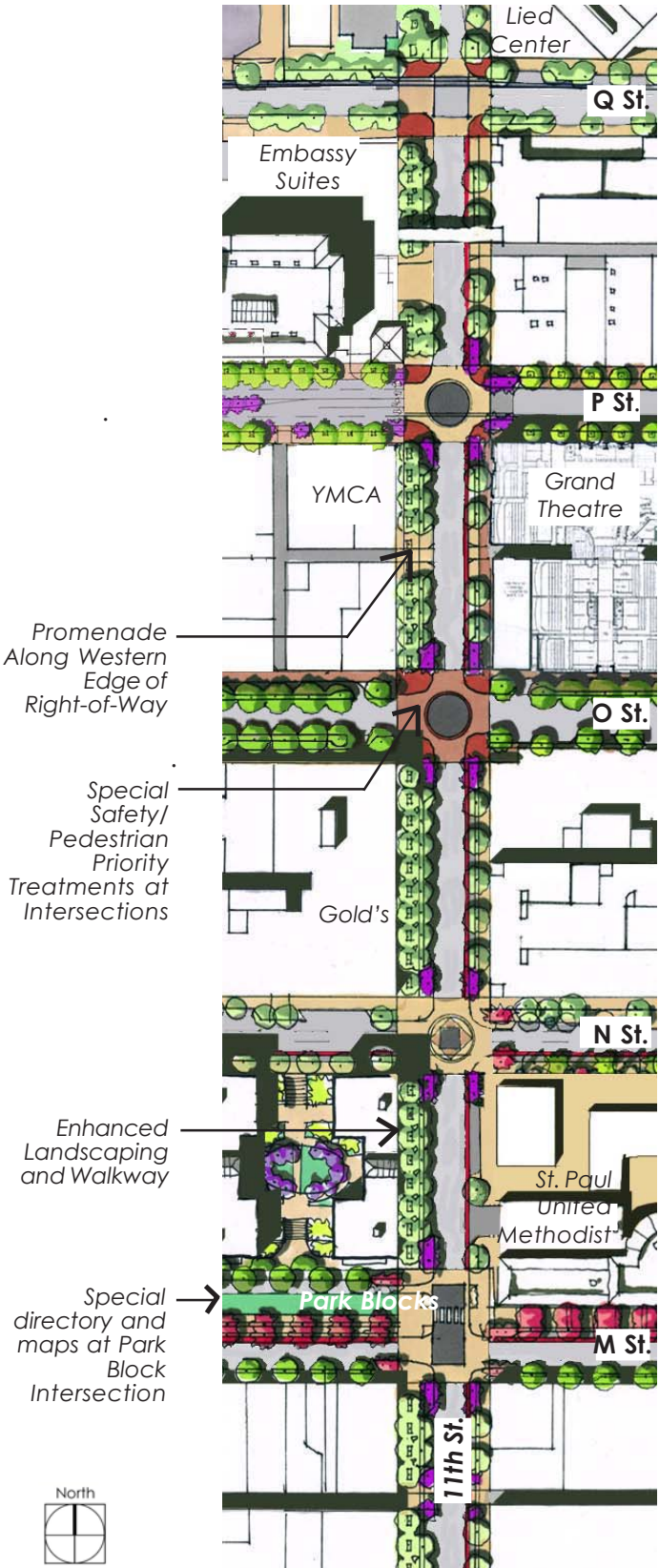


New 11th Street Promenade Requirements





Existing 11th Street Aerial



Proposed 11th Street Plan

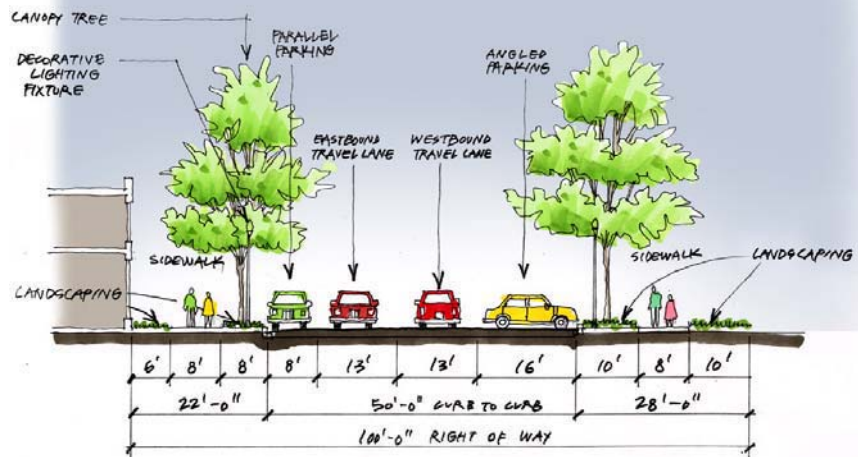


## R Street Promenade

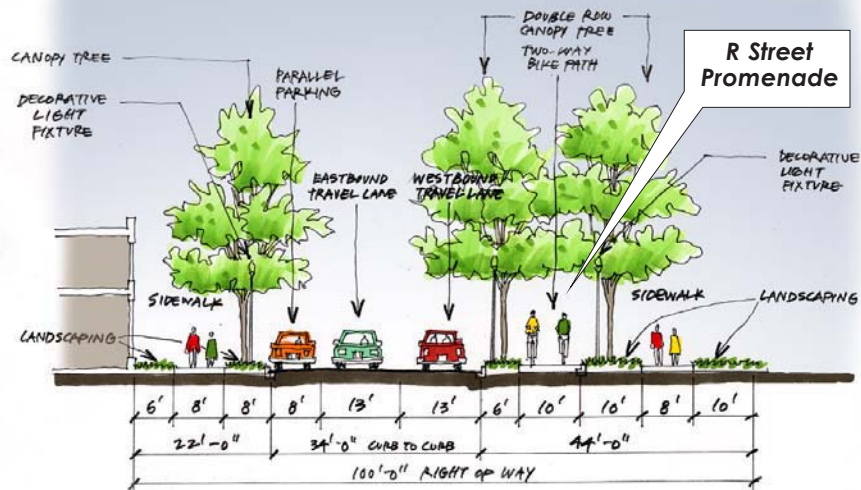
The R Street Promenade would extend from Centennial Mall to the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The connection between R Street and 11th Street needs further review to determine the most suitable route so as to minimize any disruption to UNL facilities and events. Extension of complementary improvements along R Street for several blocks to the east of Centennial Mall may also be desirable.

The Promenade would:

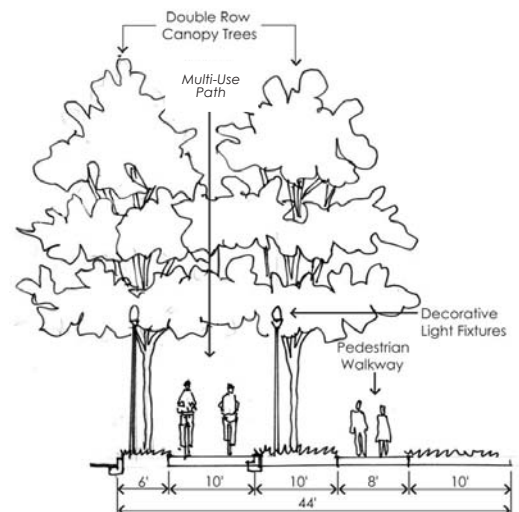
- Become part of the UNL campus plan
- Be built within the existing public right-of-way wherever possible
- Be located along the north side of the R Street right-of-way
- Include a double row of trees, shrubs and groundcover consistent with already established campus planting materials
- Separate the multi-use path from the pedestrian-only walkway
- Include ornamental pedestrian scaled light fixtures
- Have distinctively scored concrete walkways



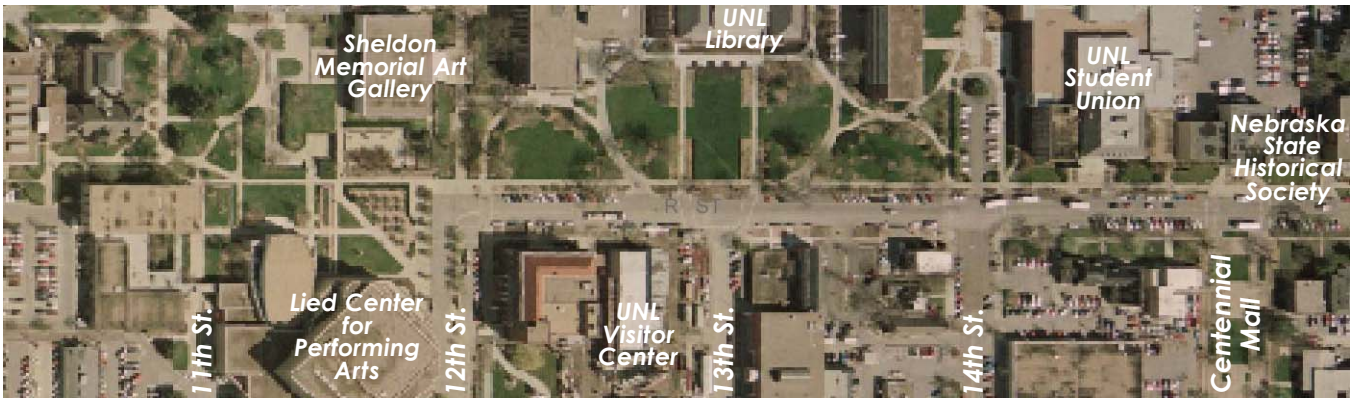
Existing R Street



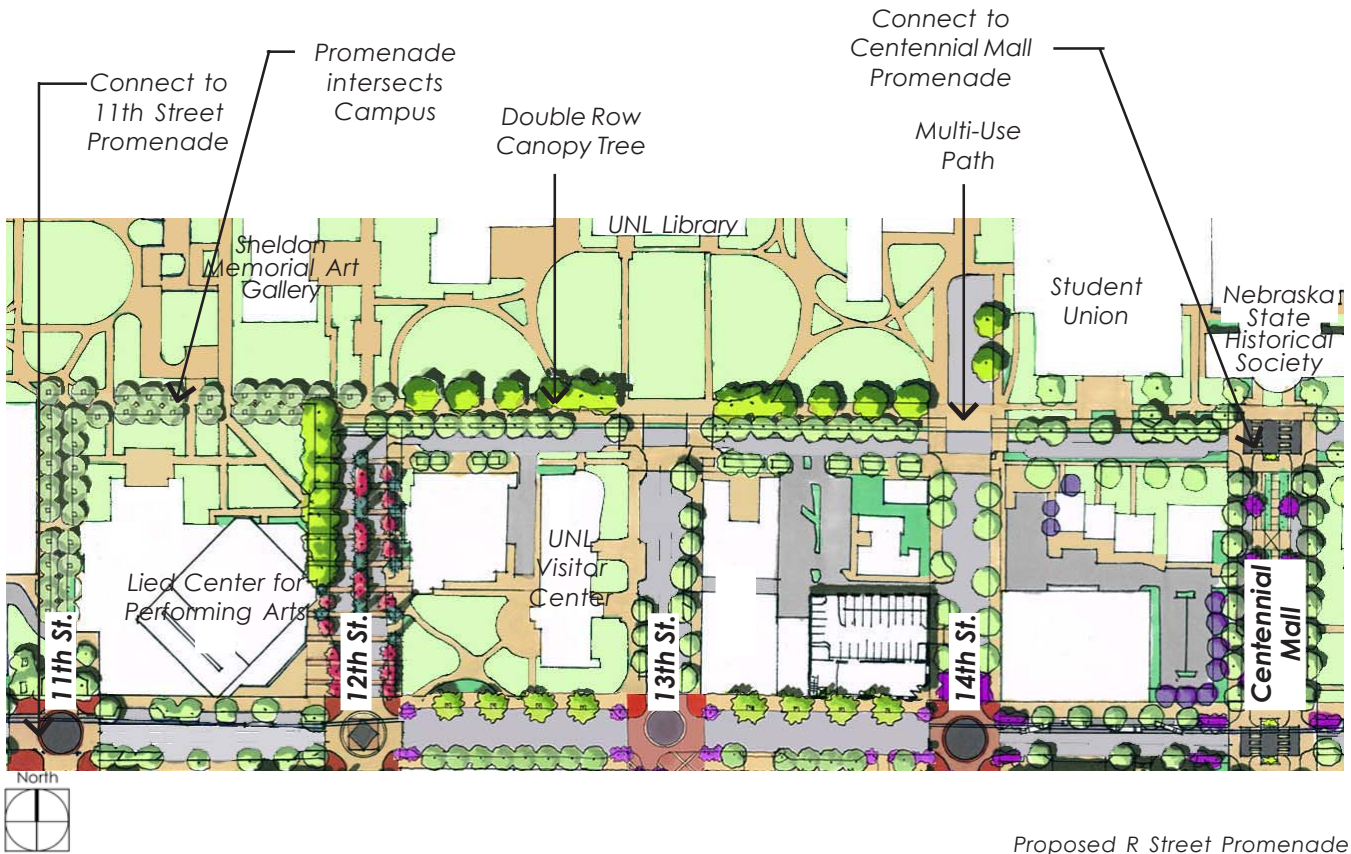
Proposed R Street Promenade



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Existing R Street



Proposed R Street Promenade

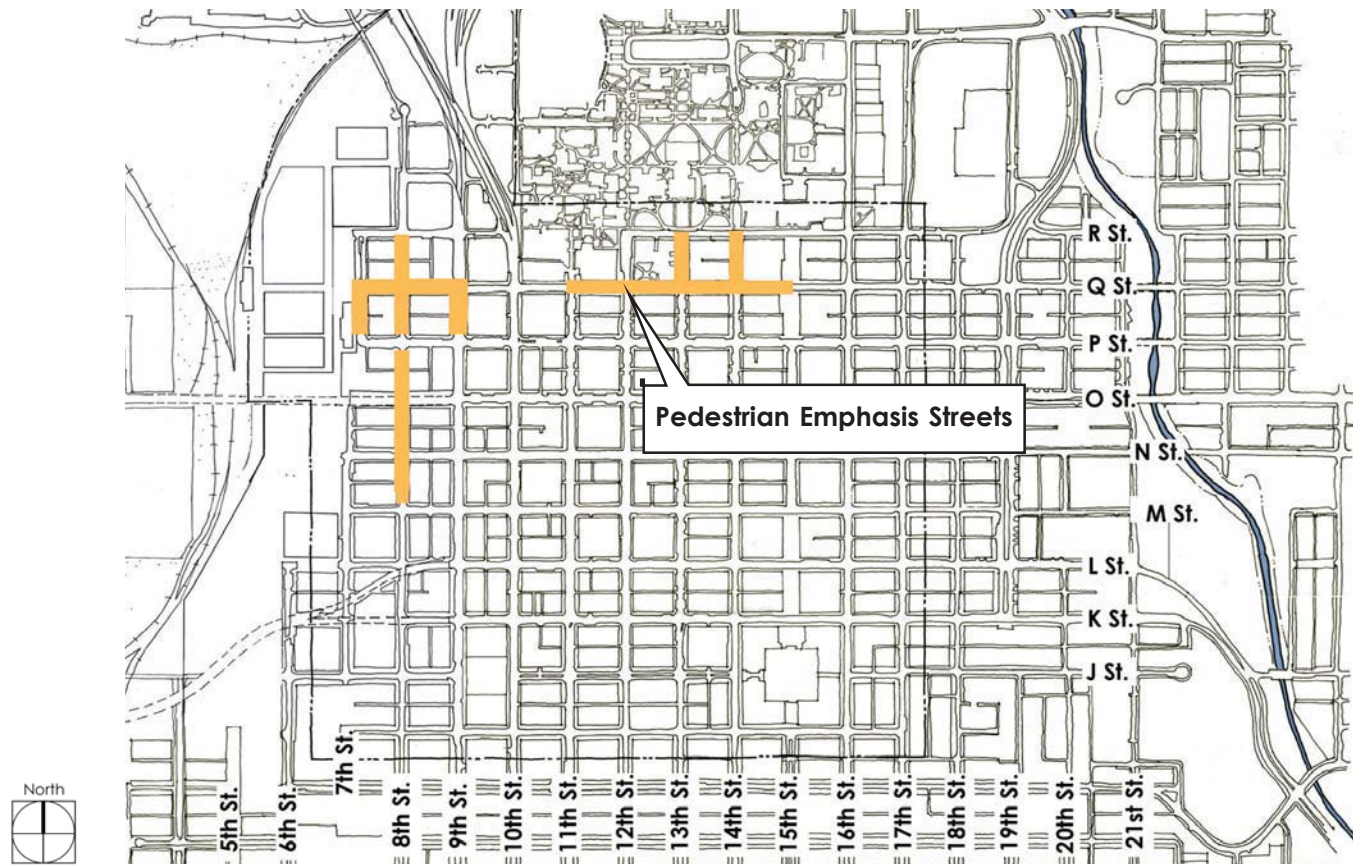


## Pedestrian Emphasis Streetscapes

Several downtown Lincoln streetscapes will receive a “pedestrian emphasis.” These streetscapes are intended to complete a network of pedestrian connections, tying retail streetscapes, promenades, districts and open spaces together.

The pedestrian emphasis streetscapes:

- May include distinctive elements depending on district location and use.
- Should be consistent with themes established in the Historic Haymarket District.
- Should be consistent with themes proposed for primary retail streets.



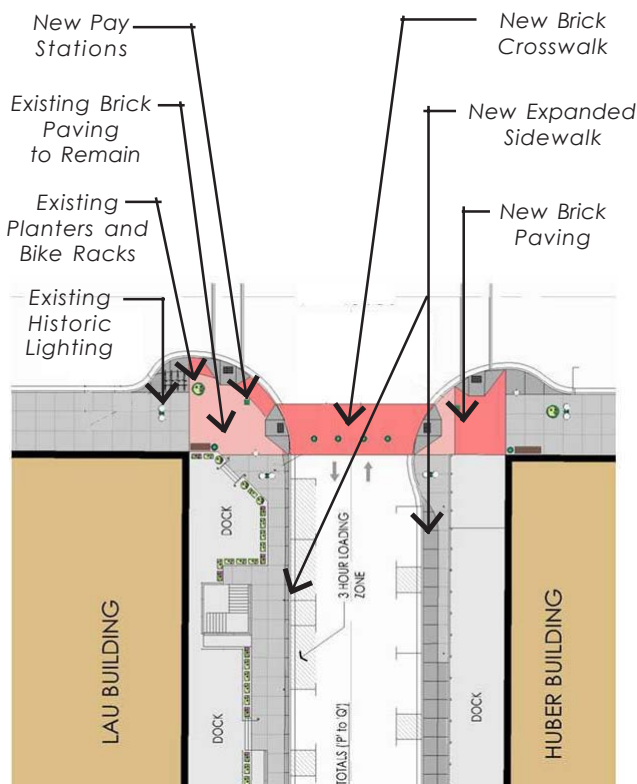
Pedestrian Emphasis Streets Diagram

### Eighth Street Pedestrian Streetscape

The City of Lincoln Urban Development Department has organized a separate planning effort for streetscape improvements along five blocks of 8th Street from the Haymarket Park pedestrian bridge down to O Street. Design elements for the Haymarket pedestrian streetscapes should:

- Be consistent with existing historic district design for elements such as light fixtures and paving materials.
- Be extended, if possible, into the South Haymarket District to L Street.
- Provide a gateway or other special treatment as a transition to the Harris Overpass.

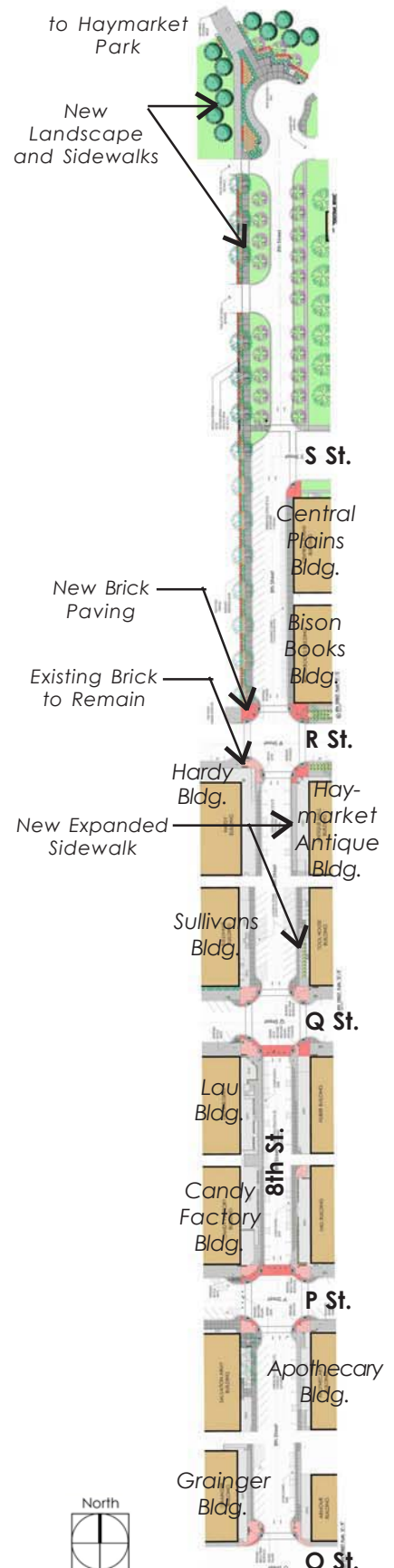
The planned 8th Street streetscape improvements are indicated below and to the right.



Planned 8th Street- Typical Block Detail



Existing 8th Street- Aerial



Planned 8th Street